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Assignee Micron Technology, Inc.
Group Art Unit 2832
Examiner V. Nguyen
Attorney's Docket No. MI22-1363
Title: "Wafer Processing Apparatuses and Electronic Device Workpiece Processing Apparatuses (As Amended)"

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephonic interview of September 26, 2001. The undersigned and the Examiner discussed rejections of pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs as set forth in the final Office Action mailed June 26, 2001. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the undersigned agreed to delete the language identified in paragraph 1 on page 2 of the final Office Action from the claims to remove the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection. The undersigned clarified some of the language identified in paragraph 2 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action by reference to explicit



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teachings of the originally filed specification as is discussed in further detail in the accompanying response. The undersigned and the Examiner also discussed possible amendments to the claims to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. It was agreed that the undersigned would submit such amendments and clarification of the identified language in a request for continued examination or a continued prosecution application.

The Examiner and the undersigned also discussed submitted information disclosure statements which have not been initialed by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests full consideration and initialization of all references indicated upon all submitted forms PTO-1449.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Dated: 9/26/01

Respectfully submitted,

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